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Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-19 (Cancelled)

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): In an operating system configured to support a plurality of file types, a method for displaying a plurality of files, a first file having a first file type and a second file having a second file type, wherein a set of relevant properties of each file type is stored by the operating system, the method comprising:

associating by the operating system a first property with the first file type, and storing by the operating system a value corresponding to the first property for the first file;

associating by the operating system a second property with the second file type, and storing by the operating system a value corresponding to the second property for the second file, wherein the second property is different from the first property, and wherein at least one of the first property and the second property are not user-assignable properties;

displaying a value stored by the operating system corresponding to the first property of the first file at a location relative to a first graphical representation of the first file; and

displaying a value stored by the operating system corresponding to the second property of the second file at the same location relative to a second graphical representation of the second file.

Claims 21-39 (Cancelled)

Claim 40 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 20, wherein the value corresponding to the first property for the first file and the value corresponding to the second property for the second file are authored by the operating system.

Claim 41 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 20, wherein the first property and second property are not user-assignable properties.

Claim 42 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 20, wherein the set of relevant properties for the first file type is different from the set of relevant properties for the second file type.

Claim 43 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 20, wherein the first and second properties are textual properties.

Claim 44 (Currently Amended): One or more computer readable media comprising computer executable instructions which, when executed in on a computer system configured to support a plurality of file types, perform a method for displaying a plurality of files, a first file having a first file type and a second file having a second file type, wherein a set of relevant properties of each file type is stored by the operating system, the method comprising:

associating by the operating system a first property with the first file type, and storing by the operating system a value corresponding to the first property for the first file;

associating by the operating system a second property with the second file type, and storing by the operating system a value corresponding to the second property for the second file, wherein the second property is different from the first property, and wherein at least one of the first property and the second property are not user-assignable properties;

displaying a value stored by the operating system corresponding to the first property of the first file at a location relative to a first graphical representation of the first file; and

displaying a value stored by the operating system corresponding to the second property of the second file at the same location relative to a second graphical representation of the second file.

Claim 45 (Previously Presented): The computer readable media of claim 44, wherein the value corresponding to the first property for the first file and the value corresponding to the second property for the second file are authored by the operating system.

Claim 46 (Previously Presented): The computer readable media of claim 44, wherein the first property and second property are not user-assignable properties.

Claim 47 (Previously Presented): The computer readable media of claim 44, wherein the set of relevant properties for the first file type is different from the set of relevant properties for the second file type.

Claim 48 (Previously Presented): The computer readable media of claim 44, wherein the first and second properties are textual properties.

Claim 49 (Currently Amended): In an operating system, a method of displaying a plurality of files, comprising:

assigning by the operating system in a first memory location for dedicated by said operating system to storing a value of a first enumerated property, storing a value associated with a first file of a first file type;

storing in the first memory location a value corresponding to the first enumerated property for the first file;

assigning by the operating system in a second memory location for dedicated by said operating system to storing a value of a second enumerated property, storing a value associated with a second file of a second file type, wherein said second file type is different from said first file type, and wherein the second enumerated property associated with the second file type is different from the first enumerated property associated with the first file type;

storing in the second memory location a value corresponding to the second enumerated property for the second file;

retrieving the value corresponding to the first enumerated property for the first file from the first memory location and the value corresponding to the second enumerated property for the second file from the second memory location;

displaying a graphical representation of the first file concurrently with a graphical representation of the second file, wherein;

displaying, data corresponding to the first enumerated property for the first file is displayed at a location relative to the graphical representation of the first file, and wherein data corresponding to the second enumerated property for the second file is displayed data based on the value stored in the first dedicated memory location;

displaying a graphical representation of the second file; and

displaying, at the same location relative to the graphical representation of the second file, data based on the value stored in the second dedicated memory location.

Claim 50 (Cancelled)

Claim 51 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 49, wherein at least one of the first enumerated property and the second enumerated property are not user-assignable properties.

Claims 52-53 (Cancelled)

Claim 54 (Currently Amended): One or more computer readable media comprising computer executable instructions which, when executed in on a computer system, perform a method for displaying a plurality of files, the method comprising the steps of:

assigning by the operating system in a first memory location for dedicated by said operating system to storing a value of a first enumerated property, storing a value associated with a first file of a first file type;

storing in the first memory location a value corresponding to the first enumerated property for the first file;

assigning by the operating system in a second memory location for dedicated by said operating system to storing a value of a second enumerated property, storing a value associated with a second file of a second file type, wherein said second file type is different from said first file type, and wherein the second enumerated property associated with the second file type is different from the first enumerated property associated with the first file type;

storing in the second memory location a value corresponding to the second enumerated property for the second file;

retrieving the value corresponding to the first enumerated property for the first file from the first memory location and the value corresponding to the second enumerated property for the second file from the second memory location;

displaying a graphical representation of the first file concurrently with a graphical representation of the second file, wherein;

displaying, data corresponding to the first enumerated property for the first file is displayed at a location relative to the graphical representation of the first file, and wherein data corresponding to the second enumerated property for the second file is displayed data based on the value stored in the first dedicated memory location;

displaying a graphical representation of the second file; and

displaying, at the same location relative to the graphical representation of the second file, data based on the value stored in the second dedicated memory location.

Claim 55 (Cancelled)

Claim 56 (Currently Amended) The computer readable media of claim 54, wherein at least one of the first enumerated property and the second enumerated property are not user-assignable properties.

Claims 57-58 (Cancelled)

Claim 59 (New): The method of claim 20, wherein the operating system is not configured to store a value corresponding to the first property for any file of the second file type.

Claim 60 (New): The method of claim 59, wherein the operating system is not configured to store a value corresponding to the second property for any file of the first file type.

Claim 61 (New): The computer readable media of claim 44, wherein the operating system is not configured to store a value corresponding to the first property for any file of the second file type.

Claim 62 (New): The computer readable media of claim 61, wherein the operating system is not configured to store a value corresponding to the second property for any file of the first file type.

Claim 63 (New): The method of claim 49, wherein the first memory location comprises an assigned registry value associated with the first file.

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Claim 64 (New): The computer readable media of claim 54, wherein the first memory location comprises an assigned registry value associated with the first file.